



# Collinsville Baptist Church

“A Light on a Hill”

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## From John

My daddy wore shiny pants. At least that's what he said. Not to me.

He was in a group of people, and they were talking about the past and raising children. He said that there were times he went so long between buying new pants that the seat of his pants would be worn so thin that they were so shiny that he would be afraid to walk away from people.

I didn't really remember that at first. Growing up I didn't really think anything much about what my dad wore. It was the same dark pants and white, laundered shirts with starched collars and tie that everybody's dad seemed to wear to work. With a suit or sport coat available for when he went out on assignment to take pictures for the *Nashville Banner*. He also spent many, many hours in the dark room (if you are under twenty ask me later what a dark room is). He also had a dress hat that he often wore – just like all other men.

But as I thought about it, I think maybe I do remember shiny pants. Or maybe that's just my guilt. Because I know he sacrificed a lot to raise me and my three sisters. As did my mother. It couldn't have been easy to make ends meet. Mother stretched meals and clothes. And daddy found other jobs to make a little extra. As did my stay-at-home mom (as were almost all moms back then).

So they sacrificed for their children. I didn't realize it back then. We seemed to have what most everybody else had. And they made sure we did fun things and school things. It was a wonderful way to grow up. We were loved.

And it was that love that made them sacrifice for us. I know that now because I am a dad and a granddad. And I have occasionally sacrificed for my children. Because I love them. I like to think that makes my dad and mom smile in heaven.

And my small sacrifices are as nothing compared to what I see from Gloria and her mom. Wow. They are sacrificers extraordinaire and women of love. I am constantly humbled by the example of their sacrificial love.

We all gladly sacrifice for those we love, don't we? God did. Sent His Son. In love.

And His Son sacrificed because of love. All the way to the cross. Not just a sacrifice of things. A sacrifice of everything.

And we are supposed to imitate Him. Follow Him. Take up our cross and follow Him.

So during Lent you could learn from my dad and his shiny pants. But you really should learn from Jesus. Should follow Him. To the cross.

In so doing you let your life “so shine”. Shine before all that they, too, will glorify God. (Matthew 5:16) Love and sacrifice. Just something to think about during Lent.

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## Manhattan Declaration

At the Sanctity of Human Life worship service, we mentioned the Manhattan Declaration. Several of you had already signed it. Its three main emphases are Sanctity of Life, Dignity of Marriage and Freedom of Religion. If you have not signed this, you may learn more about it and sign it if desired at [manhattandeclaration.org](http://manhattandeclaration.org).

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for  
International Missions**

Church Goal - \$3200  
Given \$3452!

Thank You for Your Faithful Giving  
To This Offering  
To God Be the Glory



**Operation Christmas  
Child**

We are collecting for Operation  
Christmas Child again this year.  
Check the bulletin board downstairs  
for the items we are collecting each  
month. We sent 59 boxes last year,  
let's make it 60 this year!

**Wednesdays**

***Prayer Meeting***

We want to encourage everyone to  
come to Prayer Meeting Wednesday  
nights from 6:00 – 6:45.

We will end in plenty of time for  
choir members to get to rehearsal and  
for parents of children's choir  
members to join us before their choir  
time ends.

In addition to prayer time we will  
have a devotion and a short Bible  
Study.

***Children's Choir***

5:30 Snack Supper  
6:00 Children's Choirs & Youth  
Choir

6:00 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
7:00 Adult Choir  
6:00 Children's Choirs and Youth  
Choir  
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Did you  
know there

is now a youth age group meeting at  
6:00 on Wednesday nights? Tell  
any teen you know to come and join  
Angel for Bible Study and Music.

**Women on the Frontline**  
Tenth Anniversary Ladies Retreat  
Christian Ladies of Collinsville  
Saturday, March 3  
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
Collinsville Community Center  
Registration Begins at 9:30  
Guest Speaker – Karen Smothers  
Special Guests – B Team Angels  
No Admission Charge  
Lunch Will Be Provided  
Upscale Yard Sale

**Put on Your Calendar**

Mix Music Camp at Shocco  
July 15-19  
For Our Children

Children's Choir Summit  
July 12-13  
For Our Leaders

**New Christian's Class**  
Sunday Mornings 10 - 10:30 A.M.  
Pastor's Study  
Sunday, February 17 – Easter

For Anyone Who Wants to Become a  
Christian Or Anyone Who Has  
Recently Become a Christian  
Please Let John Know If You or One  
of Your Children Would Like to  
Attend  
Children Will Go to Their Regular  
Sunday School Classes at 10:30

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday, February 13  
Lent Begins  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 17

**Palm Sunday**  
March 24

**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28

**Easter Sunday**  
March 31

**Tuesday, February 4**  
**Boy Scouts Banquet**  
At Our Church

***Whatever It Takes***  
*Reaching the One*  
Annie Armstrong Offering  
For North American Missions  
Sunday, February 17 – Easter  
Sunday, March 31  
Church Goal - \$2350

**Week of Prayer for North  
American Missions**  
March 3 – 10

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
Sunday, March 10



To the family and friends of Bill  
Fortner, who went home to the Lord  
January 5, 2013.

"There are not enough words to  
express what a blessing the church  
has been to us. We received so many  
cards, thoughts and prayers that truly  
blessed us.

Everyone made us feel loved and  
made us feel important to be a part of  
your congregation. We love all of  
you.

In Christ's love, Bill & Dee Fortner"

"Thank you so much for providing  
the food for Bill's service and  
allowing me the opportunity to greet  
those that took the time to attend.  
The food was delicious and everyone  
was so impressed how generous our  
church is.

I am truly blessed to know each  
one of you.

Thank you so much for the  
beautiful azalea plant. I will  
definitely remember Bill's service  
each time that I see it planted in my  
yard and all the lovely comments I  
received from everyone.

In Christ's Love, Dee"

**A Practical Guide to Estate  
Planning from a Christian  
Perspective**

Sunday, Mar 17 4-6 P.M.  
Seminar Conducted by The Baptist  
Foundation of Alabama  
Foundation Speaker – Bill McCrary  
Attorney – Rodney Bledsoe  
Join Us For This Important Time Of  
Planning  
Discussion of Wills, Power of  
Attorney, Medical Directives and  
Other Topics  
Open to Other Churches  
No Charge

~ February 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Birthdays</b> Charlie Godshall	2 Groundhog Day
3 <b>Birthdays</b> David Ryan  Super Bowl	4	5 <b>Birthdays</b> Colton Pendergrass	6 <b>Birthdays</b> Brooke Jones Sarah Morgan	7 <b>Birthdays</b> Kimberly Brown Bev Petty	8 <b>Birthdays</b> Judy Jones	9
10 <b>Lord's Supper</b> Clyde & Sandra Killian	11	12 <b>Birthdays</b> Josh Alexander	13 <b>Birthdays</b> Adam McKinney	14 <b>Birthdays</b> Jo Ann Burton Valentine's Day	15 <b>Anniversaries</b> Bennie & Carl Clayton	16
17	18 <b>Birthdays</b> Buddy Acker  Presidents' Day	19 <b>Birthdays</b> Jason Clayton	20 <b>Birthdays</b> Rebecca Fields Mark Morgan	21	22	23
24 <b>Birthdays</b> Clay Gifford	25	26 <b>Birthdays</b> Ashley Daniel	27 <b>Birthdays</b> Abigale Garroute  <b>Anniversaries</b> Phyllis & Mickey Jones	28	<b>Notes:</b>	

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3.16 [NRSV](#))**

A young husband has a crippling, terminal neurological disease. His wife is carrying a baby which this unfortunate young man may never live to see. Thus he writes a letter to this unborn child to say something very important that is on his heart. Listen carefully as you read these words. They are very beautiful. Remember he is writing to his unborn child:

"Your mother is very special," he writes. "Few men know what it is like to receive appreciation for taking their wives out to dinner when it entails what it does for us. It means that she has to dress me, shave me, brush my teeth, comb my hair, wheel me out of the house and down the steps, open the garage and put me in the car, take the pedals off the chair, stand me up, sit me in the seat of the car, twist me around so that I am comfortable, fold the wheelchair, put it in the car, go around to the other side of the car, start it up, back it out, get out of the car, pull the garage door down, get back into the car, drive off to the restaurant. And then, it starts all over again. She gets out of the car, unfolds the wheelchair, opens the door, spins me around, stands me up, seats me in the wheelchair, pushes the pedals out, closes and locks the car, wheels me into the restaurant, then takes the pedals off the wheelchair so I won't be uncomfortable. We sit down to have dinner, and she feeds me throughout the entire meal. And when it's over she pays the bill, pushes the wheelchair out to the car again, and repeats the same routine. And when it's over, finished, with real warmth, she'll say, 'Honey, thank you for taking me out to dinner.' I never quite know what to answer. . ."

If you have ever been the target of unconditional love, you know that young man's predicament. If you ever get a grasp on all Christ has done in your behalf, you understand the uncertainty of this young husband with this tragic neurological disease. You simply do not know what to say. You and I are the recipients of an amazing self-giving love.

**Dear God, thank you for your self-giving love. In Jesus name, Amen.**

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That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That Whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should NoT perish  
But have EVerlasting life."  
-- John 3:16